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In re the Application of

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AND A PROJECTION EXPOSURE METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In Reply to the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated June 7, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract filed on May 6, 2002 with the substitute Abstract attached hereto.

REMARKS

The Notice of Incomplete Reply indicated that the Abstract filed May 6, 2002 exceeded 150 words in length. The attached Abstract does not exceed 150 words in length. The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of the original Abstract showing the changes made thereto.